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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL: SPANISH SAHARA AND ENCLAVES IN MOROCCO

1. ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ARE NOT BEING RELEASED TO PUBLIC AND HAVE NOT BEEN PRINTED IN LOCAL PRESS. AS REPORTED CAIRO 4222 NEWSPAPERS SAID COUNCIL HAD AGREED TO SUPPORT GOM'S CLAIM TO "SPANISH-HELD MOROCCAN SAHARA".

2. ARAB LEAGUE OFFICIAL SUMMARIZED FOR US COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON SPANISH ENCLAVES IN ORTHERN MOROCCO AS FOLLOWS: AFTER PREAMBLE CITING OAU COUNCIL RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MOROCCO'S EFFORTS REGAIN COLONIAL POCKETS, AND AFTER CITATION OF IMPORTANCE OF ARAB SOLIDARITY, COUNCIL RESOLVED, IN CONSIDERATION OF HISTORIC RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND ARAB NATIONS, TO SUPPORT MOROCCO IN REGAINING ITS TERRITORY AND TO SUPPORT GOM'S DEMAND PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE OF 24 (UN DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE) TO APPLY RECOGNIZED PRINCIPLES OF DECOLONIZATION AND RETURN THESE TERRITORIES TO FATHERLAND. ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE EXERTED WITH SPANISH

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GOVERNMENT SO AS TO HAVE "DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS" I.E.,

BETWEEN MOROCCO AND SPAIN.

3. COMMENT: EMBOFF ASKED WHO IS TO EXERT EFFORTS WITH SPANISH.
REPLY WAS THAT RESOLUTION IS DRAFTED VAGUELY AND AMBIGUOUSLY,
WHICH REINFORCES OUR ORIGINAL IMPRESSION THAT ARAB LEAGUE
SECRETARIAT IS NOT GOING TO EXERT ANY STRENUOUS EFFORTS, BUT
WILL MERELY GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS WITH MADRID (CAIRO 4253).
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